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Re: Inventors: Santosh S. Rao, Gopal Sharma, Poonam Dhavale
Assignee: VERITAS Operating Corporation
Title: System And Method For Resolving Cluster Partitions In Out-Of-Band
Storage Virtualization Environments
Application No.: 10/627,385
Filing Date: July 25, 2003
Examiner: Mohamed A. Wasel
Group Art Unit: 2154
Attorney Docket No.: VRT0089US

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)
- (3) Notice of Appeal (1 page, in duplicate)
- (4) Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review (5 pages)
- (5) Petition for Extension of Time – one Month (1 page, in duplicate)



No additional fee is required.



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	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>		<u>Rate</u>		Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	31	Minus	31	=	0	x	\$50.00	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fee for Request for Notice of Appeal							\$	500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fee for Request for Extension of Time – one month							\$	120.00
<u>Total additional fee for this Amendment:</u>								\$	<u>620.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502306 in the amount of							\$	<u>620.00</u>
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